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> On July 28, 1997, representatives of Alpine PCS, ("Alpine"), met with Rudy Baca to discuss issues in the abovereferenced proceeding. Alpine was represented by Robert F. Broz and the undersigned counsel. The views expressed by Alpine's representatives were previously presented to the Commission in Alpine's written filings in the above-referenced proceeding. enclosed new material was also distributed by Alpine at the meeting.

> In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and two copies of this filing are being submitted to you today. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

> > Very truly you

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Alpine PCS, Inc. (C and F-Block Financing Plan) Presentation To Federal Communications Commission

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The State of C-Block Licensees – A Need For Action

- I. Alpine PCS, Inc.
 - Long Term Cellular Operator
 - PCS C and F-Block Licensee
 - Markets Include Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Hyannis, Bakersfield, Salinas, Escanaba, Sault Saint Marie, Petosky, Alpena, Saginaw, Traverse City
 - No Reliance on Capital Markets; Vendor Financing Needed
- II. Alpine's Viability is Tied to C-Block Viability Generally
 - Alpine Can Survive Unless the C-Block Generally Falters

- Alpine's Bids Were Reasonable Given the Markets at Issue and the Bidding Climate; A and B-Block Prices Were Low
- Alpine Has Undertaken Substantial System Development Efforts
 - Preliminary System Design is Complete
 - Site Selection Has Begun
 - First Round Vendor Proposals Have Been Received
 - Final Vendor Selection is Under Way in Certain Markets
 - Vendor Financing is Contingent Upon C-Block Viability
- If Major C-Block Players Fall, Alpine's Financial Picture Becomes Far More Complicated

- Competitive Service With PBMS and ComCast (Sprint) Would Not be Possible
- There Would be No Significant Roaming Revenues

III. Designated Entity Relief Necessary

- Reduce Interest Rate, From 7% to 6.5%, to Create Regulatory Parity Within the C-Block
- Permit Meaningful Subordination to Facilitate Vendor and Working Capital Financing
- Maintain Bankruptcy Protection; To Do Otherwise Threatens Vendor Financing
- Permit Interest Payment Deferral for Up to Five Years In Order to Permit Expediting Construction
- No Amnesty Proposal is Viable; Reauction Delays Kills C-Block Viability

IV. Concluding Comments

- The Above Should be Sufficient to Ensure C-Block Viability
- Without These Changes, Prudent Business Judgement Demands Consideration of License Return as an Option to Further Entrepreneurial Investment
- Whatever the Commission Decides, Do it Quickly!